

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST  
SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

***AREA EMERGENCY CLOSURE***

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Smokey Bear Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, Lincoln County, New Mexico:

1. **Going into or being upon the restricted area. (For Public Health and Safety) 36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
2. **Camping. (For Public Health and Safety) 36 CFR 261.58 (e)**
3. **Operating a vehicle in violation of the speed, load, weight, height, length, width, or other limitations specified by the order. (For Public Health and Safety) 36 CFR 261.54 (d)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in contracted work in the area.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

The following National Forest Lands on the Smokey Bear Ranger District will remain closed:

- Access to the Bonito Recreation Corridor off of FS Road 107 between State Highway 37 and FS Road 108 which includes established and dispersed campgrounds (South Fork and the Bonito Meadows), hiking trails, trail heads, and picnic areas.
- Access off of Hwy 532 (Ski Run Road) beyond mile marker 10 including Buck Mountain and Ski Apache Ski Area.
- Access off of Monjeau Lookout Road (FS Road 117) above the Villa Madonna Subdivision.

The following National Forest Lands on the Smokey Bear Ranger District will be closed to camping:

- Camping off of Ranger Road (FS Road 131) beyond the first 1.5 miles from State Highway 37.
- Camping off of Monjeau Lookout Road (FS Road 117) between State Highway 532 and the Villa Madonna Subdivision.
- Camping off of FS Road 5615, off of Monjeau Lookout Road.
- Camping Eagle Creek (FS Road 127A).
- Camping off of State Highway 532 from State Highway 48 to mile marker 11 outside of the developed campground (Oak Grove).
- Camping off of Tanbark Canyon Road (FS Road 108).
- Camping in the Upper Bonito Recreation Corridor on both sides of FS Roads 107 & 107A which includes Argentina/Bonito Trailhead and Big Bear Canyon.

The following National Forest System Roads will be limited to use by vehicles under 25 feet in length:

- Forest Service Road 108, Tanbark Canyon Road, entire length.
- Forest Service Road 107, open portion from junction with FS Road 108 to the Argentina/Bonito Trail Head.
- Forest Service Road 107A, entire length.

(Refer to Exhibit A)

**PURPOSE:**

To allow for public safety while rehabilitation occurs within the Little Bear Fire Area.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order shall be in effect September 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect until October 31, 2012, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.
3. Any violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

Signed in Alamogordo, New Mexico, this 30th day of August, 2012.

*/s/ Robert Trujillo*  
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